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Applicants: SCOTT, Steve T., et al.
Serial No.: 09/802,398
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Invention: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SUPPLY CHAIN
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COLLABORATION
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Our Docket: P00509-US-01 (04690.0007)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Pardo:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2006 (the "Office Action"). Applicants request that the claims be amended as reflected in the following listed amendments. The listing of claims starting on page 2 will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the above-referenced patent application (the "Application"). The Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.